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In re Appln. of: Shigetaka KURITA et al.

Appln. No.: 09/600,429

Filed: July 12, 2000

For: COMMUNICATION CONTROL METHOD,
COMMUNICATION METHOD, SERVER
APPARATUS, TERMINAL DEVICE, RELAY
APPARATUS AND COMMUNICATION
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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (37 C.F.R. § 1.114)

Sir:

Applicant(s) requests continued examination of the above-identified application under 37 C.F.R. §1.114.

☒ Submission under 37 CFR 1.114 (check at least one of the following):

☐ Previously submitted:

- ☐ Applicant(s) requests nonentry of any previously-filed unentered amendments.
- ☐ Please enter and consider the Amendment After Final Under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on _____
- ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- ☐ Other: _____

☒ Attached is/are:

- ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement
- ☒ An Amendment to the written description, claims, or drawings
- ☐ New Arguments and/or New Evidence in support of Patentability

- ☒ Other: Tab A (32 Pages of Substitute Specification)
Tab B (66 Pages of Marked-up Copy)

- ☐ Request for suspension of action:

Applicant(s) hereby request suspension of action on the above-identified application under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; requires Processing Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i)).

- ☐ Small Entity Status:

- ☐ Applicant hereby asserts entitlement to claim small entity status under 37 CFR §§ 1.9 and 1.27.
- ☐ A small entity statement or assertion of entitlement to claim small entity status was filed in prior application no. _____ / _____ and such status is still proper and desired.
- ☐ Is no longer desired.

- ☒ Applicant(s) calculate the following fees to be due in connection with this Request:

- ☒ A Request fee of \$770 under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e).
- ☐ A suspension processing fee of \$_____ under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i).
- ☐ An additional filing fee of \$_____ under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 (_____ additional independent claims and/or _____ additional total claims).
- ☒ An extension fee of \$420 under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a) for a 2-month extension of time.

- ☒ Fee payment to cover the above-enumerated fee(s):

- ☒ Checks; one in the amount of \$770 to cover the request fee, one in the amount of \$420 to cover the extension fee, are enclosed.
- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-1925 (BRINKS HOFER GILSON & LIONE) in the amount of \$_____. A copy of this Request is enclosed for this purpose.
- ☐ A payment by credit card in the amount of \$_____ (Form PTO-2038 is attached).
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this paper (including any extension fee required to ensure that this paper is timely filed), or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-1925 (BRINKS HOFER GILSON & LIONE). A copy of this Request is enclosed for this purpose.

- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard

Respectfully submitted,

July 19, 2004
Date


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